

# „Write about public finance!”

In the period from October 2021 to October 2022, the Institute for Development and Innovation will implement the project "WRITE ABOUT PUBLIC FINANCE!". The project is supported by the Embassy of the United States of America in Serbia.

The project "WRITE ABOUT PUBLIC FINANCE!" is a continuation of the project "UNDERSTAND THE PUBLIC!", which was realized by the Institute for Development and Innovation during 2020 and 2021. Through the trainings of the project "UNDERSTAND THE PUBLIC!", knowledge of public finances and the economy was improved for 160 journalists and employees in the non-governmental sector.

Transparency of public finances in Serbia is at a low level, which is shown by previous research of the Institute for Development and Innovation, which analyzed the availability of basic data on budget execution.

Also, journalists and employees of non-governmental organizations do not have enough knowledge of public finances and economics to provide citizens with information related to the collection and spending of public funds.

All of the above creates an unfavorable environment for fact-based citizens' decision-making and their participation in decision-making.

This project will improve the knowledge and skills of 40 journalists and employees of non-governmental organizations, which will help in the process of improving the information of citizens on relevant topics related to public finances and the economy.

The project will last 12 months, and the project tasks will focus on:

- 1) organizing ten-month trainings in public finance and economy for 40 journalists and employees in the non-governmental sector;
- 2) providing support to participants to establish an association through this project that will in the future bring together journalists whose focus is public finances;
- 3) raising awareness of the importance of informing citizens with timely and relevant information from public finances and the economy.